

### **REMARKS**

As noted above, in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated August 21, 2003, please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following and on the Amendment filed by Applicant on August 5, 2003 (copy attached hereto). The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment requested a complete listing of all claims, including their status identifiers. Accordingly, Applicant submits herewith a complete listing of all claims, including their status identifiers, and indication of any amendments made to the claims in the Amendment filed on August 5, 2003.

Claims 7 to 14 are now pending. Claim 7 was amended in the Amendment filed by Applicant on August 5, 2003. No new matter was added. Above, such amendment to claim 7 is shown by underlining (additions) and strikeouts (deletions).

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims 7 to 14 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of this response.

### **CONCLUSION**

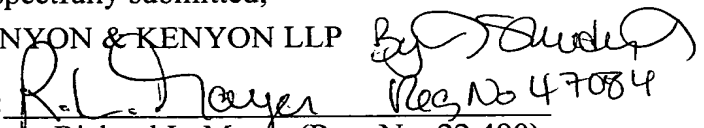
In view of all of the above, it is believed that any objection to the form of Applicant's earlier response to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has been obviated. It is therefore respectfully requested that the objection to Applicant's earlier response be withdrawn, and that the present application issue as early as possible.

If for any reason the Examiner believes that contact with Applicant's attorney would advance the prosecution of this application, he or she is invited to contact the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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